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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: SELECTION OF UN BUDGET DIRECTOR

1. DURING CONVERSATION JUNE 23 MISOFF ASKED USYG FOR  
ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT DAVIDSON CURRENT STATUS  
OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW UN BUDGET DIRECTOR. DAVIDSON SAID  
SYG CONTINUES TO SEEK "MIRACULOUS SOLUTION", AND  
DAVIDSON CONTINUES TO ADVISE HIM NONE IS POSSIBLE.  
DAVIDSON SAID PART OF PROBLEM IS THAT UN CONTROLLER  
DEBATIN DECLINES TO COMMIT HIMSELF ON FRENCH CANDIDATE.  
DAVIDSON SAID SYG HAD NOTICED THIS AND COMMENTED THAT  
IN LAST SESSION WITH FRENCH PERMREP LEPRETTE ON SUBJECT  
DAVIDSON HAD CARRIED THE BRUNT OF ARGUMENT AGAINST  
APPOINTMENT OF FRENCH NOMINEE. DEBATIN, BY CONTRAST,  
HAS REFRAINED FROM MEETING LEPRETTE HEAD ON OVER  
NOMINEE'S LACK OF QUALIFICATIONS. ACCORDING TO  
DAVIDSON, WALDHEIM SAID HE SHOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE A  
MEMO FROM DEBATIN ON FRENCH NOMINATION COMPARABLE TO  
THAT WHICH DAVIDSON HAS SENT HIM. DAVIDSON SAID HE  
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TOOK WALDHEIM'S REMARK TO MEAN THAT SHOULD HE RECEIVE  
A CATEGORICAL RECOMMENDATION AGAINST APPOINTMENT OF  
FRENCH NOMINEE, SIMILAR TO THAT SENT HIM BY DAVIDSON,  
WALDHEIM THEN WOULD TELL FRENCH THAT HE HAD NO CHOICE  
BUT TO TURN DOWN FRENCH NOMINEE.

2. DAVIDSON SAID HE HAD TOLD WALDHEIM OF SECRETARIAT'S

IMPRESSION THAT QUAI D'ORSAY IS NOT FIRMLY BEHIND FRENCH NOMINEE AND THAT THIS CANDIDATE IS IN TRUTH CANDIDATE OF FORMER UN BUDGET DIRECTOR PIERRE LAVAU. DAVIDSON SAID WALDHEIM'S ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETELY THE OPPOSITE. WALDHEIM SAYS HE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD RECENTLY AND FOUND HIM UNBENDING AND FIRM IN SUPPORT OF CURRENT FRENCH CANDIDATE.

3. DAVIDSON SAID THE SITUATION IN UN BUDGET DIVISION IS BECOMING INTOLERABLE. MORALE IS EXTREMELY BAD. ACTING DIRECTOR THERON (SOUTH AFRICA, D-1) THOUGH ENTIRELY QUALIFIED TO MANAGE DIVISION IS NOT IN POSITION TO EXERCISE SUASION THAT A PERMANENT, RECOGNIZED DIRECTOR COULD. LEONARD

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